

Millennium Challenge Corporation

Reducing Poverty Through Growth

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CONSULTANTS NEEDED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

Engineer, Project Developer, Project Manager, Consultant – Infrastructure Project Development, Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation

Architect-engineer (A-E) services are required for a range of engineering services and other consulting services in connection with the development, assessment, monitoring, and evaluation of infrastructure projects in developing countries to be funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). This notice is being procured in accordance with the Brooks Act as implemented in FAR subpart 36.6. Consultants will be selected based on demonstrated competence and qualifications for the required work.

Background

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a new U.S. Government corporation whose mission is to provide assistance that will support economic growth and poverty reduction in carefully selected developing countries that demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investments in their citizenry.

MCC will be providing development grants to a number of low-income nations around the world that have satisfied the eligibility criteria for participation in the program. Key MCC operating principles relating to the award of grants include emphasis on high economic impact projects, reward for performance, partnership with recipient countries, and focus on results.

MCC invites eligible countries to develop and submit grant proposals to MCC for consideration. Included within the proposal from any given country may be one or more infrastructure projects. To carry out its operational mandate, MCC seeks the services of experienced Engineers, Project Developers, Project Managers and Consultants who are specialists in one or more **infrastructure sub-sectors** for example but not limited to transport, energy and electricity, water resources management, irrigation systems, water supply and sanitation, industrial and institutional facility development, housing, information and communication technology.

Consultant Requirements

Consultants will assist MCC in conducting technical due diligence on infrastructure projects submitted for consideration and/or assist client countries in further developing or refining projects proposed for assistance. Once a project has been approved and a funding commitment extended, further assistance may be requested from such Consultants in monitoring project implementation, construction progress, and/or milestones for MCC. Assistance may also be requested post project completion to periodically review and evaluate project sustainability, performance and impacts. Consultants may also be called upon to manage or integrate multiple inter-related tasks on a project.

NOTE: Consultants would be precluded from bidding on work and services (e.g., design, full Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, project management and construction supervision) to be procured by the local Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) accountable entity or using funds advanced under a Compact in the relevant country.

Ideal candidates will have the educational background, professional experience (and licenses or professional registration, where appropriate) in one or more infrastructure sub sector, experience working in developing countries, and excellent oral and written communication skills. The persons selected must be skilled in performing project analysis and appraisal, with an ability to identify the essential risks and issues (including environmental and social) of concern to a funding entity. Moreover, the persons selected must have the ability to identify implementation risks and appropriate mitigation measures. Consultants must be prepared to work as part of multi-disciplinary project teams. Consultants must have the ability to brief high-level U.S. and foreign government officials on critical technical matters. Consultants would also be expected to coordinate with local authorities responsible for MCC Compact development as well as other donors, where relevant.

Travel to foreign countries will likely be required; thus, international experience, especially in developing countries, is highly desirable, as are language skills (most relevant working languages currently are French, Portuguese, and Spanish and, to a lesser extent, Russian and Arabic). Consultants may be requested to mobilize on short notice and will be expected to deliver high quality finished products in a timely manner.

This announcement is not restricted to U.S. citizens. Individual assignments could range from a few days to a few months in duration. Compensation will be based on experience. The MCC will select multiple sources to provide Engineering, Project Development, Project Management and Consulting services. As requirements arise, MCC will review the list of approved consultants and determine the ones eligible to provide services. There will be no commitment to a minimum or maximum amount of work after the award of a contract.

Interested parties should submit the following package by email to A&EConsultants@mcc.gov, with “A&EConsultants” in the subject line: a resume/capability statement and a brief cover letter addressing the qualifications listed herein, particularly:

- Areas of expertise – the consultant should clearly indicate competency area(s), sub sectors : (1) transport, (2)energy and electricity, (3) water resources management, (4) irrigation systems, (5) water supply and sanitation, (6) industrial and institutional facility development, (7) housing, (8) information and communication technology, (9) other. Consultants with skills and experience in any of the above sub sectors may submit offers, and should indicate the number of those sub sectors they wish to be considered for on their submittal. Consultants must possess the appropriate skills for each

area of expertise to be considered and substantiate their qualifications. You may apply for one or more of the areas of expertise;

- Geographic region(s) of interest;
- Regional and language experience;
- Past Performance - specific project experience— please include: project sub sectors, location, duration, and client in addition to general explanation of responsibilities in the project; and
- Three professional references

NOTE: This is a Brooks Act procurement. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY PRICING INFORMATION WITH YOUR PACKAGE.

The selection criteria for this requirement are listed below in descending order of importance:

1. Technical Competence;
2. Past Performance and experience with similar projects;
2. International Experience;
3. Language Skills;
4. Ability to mobilize quickly.

Please indicate the publication wherein you saw the advertisement and include “A&EConsultants” in the subject line of all email correspondence.

Questions regarding this notice should be submitted and addressed to Nancy Feeney, Senior Contract Specialist, e-mail: A&EConsultants@mcc.gov subject line should state: “A&EConsultants”

This announcement is open from August 15, 2006 through September 15, 2007.

The first cut off date for this action is September 15, 2006 with additional cutoffs on the 15th of each month to September 15, 2007.

All responsible sources may submit a proposal which shall be considered by MCC.

The MCC is an equal opportunity employer.